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In re Application of: ) Art Unit: 1631  
Hajime AGA et al. ) Examiner: M. MORAN  
Serial No.: 09/034,336 ) Washington D.C.  
Filed: March 4, 1998 ) October 15, 2001  
For: A METHOD FOR INHIBITING )  
OXYGEN-ELIMINATING... )

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Concurrent with filing a Request of Continued  
Examination, please enter the following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. (Seventh Amendment) A method for inhibiting the  
decrease of naturally occurring active-oxygen-eliminating  
activity in a fresh plant in need thereof when the fresh plant  
is sliced or disrupted, or when an edible part of the fresh  
plant is disrupted, which comprises a step of  
incorporating homogeneously, in an aqueous system,  
at least 1% of an inhibitory agent based on said fresh plant  
or said edible part on a dry solid basis into said fresh plant  
or an edible part of said fresh plant which inhibitory agent  
has an active-oxygen-eliminating activity, said inhibitory  
agent comprising an effective amount of trehalose, and  
optionally at least one member selected from the group  
consisting of pullulan and cyclodextrin, and said inhibitory

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